COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

THE APPLICATION OF CONTINENTAL)
TELEPHONE COMPANY OF KENTUCKY) CASE NO. 9081
FOR AUTHORITY TO BID ON FRANCHISES)

ORDER

On June 14, 1984, Continental Telephone Company of Kentucky filed with the Commission its Application seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to qualify it to bid on telephone franchises in the cities of Irvine and Ravenna, Kentucky. Under the provisions of KRS 278.020(3) no utility may apply for a franchise from any governmental agency until it has obtained a certificate of convenience and necessity from this Commission based on our finding that there is a need and demand for the service sought to be rendered.

The Commission finds that there is a need and demand for telephone service in the cities of Irvine and Ravenna, Kentucky. Since the Commission's authority in such matters is limited by statute to finding only whether there is a need and demand for the mervice sought to be rendered, no finding or determination is made as to the validity of any of the provisions of the franchises offered by said cities or the manner in which any franchises fee is to be treated for rate purposes.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Continental Telephone Company of Kentucky be and it hereby is granted a certificate of convenience and necessity which authorizes it to bid on a telephone franchises in the cities of Irvine and Ravenna, Kentucky.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Continental Telephone Company of Kentucky, if it becomes the successful bidder, file with this Commission copies of the said franchises.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order shall not be construed as granting a certificate of convenience and necessity to construct utility facilities in said cities.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 21st day of June, 1984.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman

Vice Chairman

Commissioner

ATTEST: